

## Competing - Partner's opening suit is **Doubled**

Partner has entered the auction with a 1-level suit opening bid. Your opponents have then made a **competitive bid** with a take-out **Double**.

*Messages from bidding;*

- ❖ Partner has (10)12+ hcp and 4+cards in the bid suit, and did not open 1NT.
- ❖ Over-caller's **double** shows a near opening, or better, hand with a shortage in the bid suit.
- ❖ Thus, 23+ hcp are accounted for, leaving 17(-) hcp in your and 4<sup>th</sup> player's hands.

**Your Strategy:** Apply normal response rules to introduce a new suit - *forcing if 1-level*, but, *downgrade* weak supporting requirements (to use up bidding space). However, you will need to show **genuine major** support if strong (via an artificial 2NT bid). Alternatively, you may prefer to penalise your opponents (via a re-double).

### **Your options:**

- With no 3-card support and 0-9 hcp ~ respond as if opponents did not intervene, but only bid **[1NT]** with a 7-10 hcp balanced hand, otherwise **[Pass]**.

Examples			
W	N	E	S
1♦	X	???	

  

♠ A J 7 2	♠ 10 6 3	♠ K J 10 6	♠ Q 7 5
♥ K 4 2	♥ J 9 3	♥ 9 8 4	♥ K 8 7
♦ 8 3 (9)	♦ J 7 (9)	♦ 10 (5)	♦ J 6 (8)
♣ J 10 6 5	♣ A K 10 6 2	♣ J 10 8 7 2	♣ Q 10 9 6 3
Bid <b>[1♠]<sup>f</sup></b>	Bid <b>[2♣]<sup>nf</sup></b>	<b>[Pass]</b>	Bid <b>[1NT]</b>

- With no 3-card support and 10+ hcp ~ bid **[New suit]** or, to show a good defence and no outstanding playing strength, **[Re-double]**. Your re-double is inviting partner to NB for penalties.

Examples

W	N	E	S
1♦	X	???	

♠	8 4 2
♥	A Q K 4 2
♦	8 (11)
♣	Q 6 5

Bid **[1♥]<sup>f</sup>**

♠	8 4 2
♥	Q 6 5 (11)
♦	9
♣	A K Q 4 2

Bid **[2♣]**

♠	A 10 4
♥	Q 6 5 (11)
♦	K J
♣	10 9 7 5 2

**[Re-Db]**

- With support ~ apply **LTC** or (partnership agreement) **downgrade** as follows;
  - 3+card support (3-5 hcp for majors else 6-9 hcp) **[Raise](A)**
  - 4+card support (6-9 hcp for majors else 10+ hcp) **[Jump Raise](A)**
  - With genuine support for a major 3-level or higher raise, bid **[2NT](A)**.

Examples

W	N	E	S
1♥	X	???	

♠	J 9 6
♥	K 4 2 (4)
♦	9 8 6 5 3
♣	10 7

Bid **[2♥]<sup>d/grade</sup>**

♠	8 6
♥	J 9 7 3 (7)
♦	K 6
♣	K 10 9 6 2

Bid **[3♥]**

♠	Q 8 6 3
♥	Q 10 6 5 (12)
♦	void
♣	A K J 6 3

Bid **[2NT](A)<sup>f</sup>**

*Reminder;*

- ❖ *Partner will have a chance to re-bid, even if you Pass.*
- ❖ *Take care with vulnerability*
- ❖ *[2NT] is Artificial. Partner reverts to suit (**invitational bid** or game) or considers a slam.*